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## St. Lucie County

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**A Monthly Update of  
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St. Lucie County**

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### **Board of County Commission Workshop & Strategic Planning Session Scheduled**

- The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Strategic Planning Session on February 19, 2004 at The Panther Woods Country Club, 9425 Meadowood Drive, Fort Pierce, Florida, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- The Board of County Commissioners will hold a Joint meeting with the City of Fort Pierce Commission, and the City of Port St. Lucie Council on Thursday, March 4, 2004 at the Schreiber Conference Center, Core Communities Auditorium, St. Lucie West IRCC/FAU Campus, St. Lucie West 500 N.W. California Blvd. Port St. Lucie, Florida, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### **Taylor Creek Dredging Project**

The Board of County Commissioners approved a seagrass survey at the Fort Pierce Harbor to be completed by Taylor Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$14,997. In addition, the contract with DMC Engineers in the amount of \$24,970 for preparation of bid specifications and documents for the Taylor Creek Dredging Project was approved.

### **Paradise Park Stormwater Improvements Project**

The Board of County Commissioners approved the grant contract in the amount of \$500,000 with South Florida Water Management District for the Paradise Park Stormwater Improvements Project.

### **Wings 'N Wheels Air Show Planned for June at the Airport**

The Victory Forge Boot Camp and the Vietnam Veterans of South Florida announce Wings 'N Wheels 2004 — an Air and Military Vehicle Show — on June 12 and 13, 2004 at the St. Lucie County International Airport. Spectacular displays, both in the air and on the ground, are planned for the two day event including fly-bys and landings of vintage aircraft from the WWII, Korean War and Vietnam eras to current military and general aviation aircrafts. Also on display will be a complete Military Service Time Line, representing all wars where Americans were involved to present day military assets, and will also include re-enactors in period uniform. For more information, visit the website at [www.slcwingsandwheels.com](http://www.slcwingsandwheels.com).

### **Folklore Speaker to Present at the Hurston Branch Library**

On Saturday, February 21 at 2:00 p.m., the St. Lucie County Library System and the Florida Humanities Council will host speaker Liliane Nerette Louis, presenting "Haitian Folklore: Interpretation and Transformation in Historical Perspective." The library is located at 3008 Avenue D in Fort Pierce and admission is free to this event. For more information about the event, contact Beverly Klemenc at (772) 462-2787 and for more information on the Florida Humanities Council, (727) 553-3800 or visit the website at [www.flahum.org](http://www.flahum.org).

### **Other Library Events**

Thursday, February 19 at 10:00 a.m., Special Book Signing with Jean and Jack Fielden, authors of "Throw Me the Bottom Line, I'm Drowning in E-Mail," Fort Pierce Branch Library, 101 Melody Lane, (772) 462-2787

February 23-27, Everyday 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Fort Pierce Jazz Society Brown Bag Lunch Series. Enjoy the local sound of the Fort Pierce Jazz Society, Fort Pierce Branch Library, 101 Melody Lane, (772) 462-2787

Tuesday, February 24 at 2:00 p.m., Guest speaker, Masakuni Okubo, Barry University, "History of Modern Jazz," Fort Pierce Branch Library, 101 Melody Lane, (772) 462-2787

### Historical Museum To Host Trip to Seminole Indian Reservation

Experience Aztec Dancers, alligator wrestling, animal shows, Indian games and storytelling, jewelry making demonstrations, patchwork sewing, sweet grass basket weaving, wood carving and doll making at the Annual Brighton Seminole Indian Reservation Field Day and Rodeo on Saturday, February 21, 2004. The St. Lucie County Historical Museum will host a charter bus trip to this event at the Brighton Seminole Reservation. The bus leaves the Museum at 8:00 a.m. and returns about 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$22.50 per person and includes transportation and admission. Seating is limited. For more information or to make a reservation for the trip, call DeeDee Roberts at (772) 462-1795.

### Historical Museum's Family Fun Day Features Local Marine Historian

On Sunday, February 22 at 1:00 p.m., the St. Lucie County Historical Museum will present another Family Fun Day featuring local marine historian Marty Baum as he recreates the character of his great, great grandfather, Captain Hannibal Dillingham Pierce. Mr. Baum will transport patrons back to 1882 on a fun, fact-filled adventure into the life of local pioneer Captain Pierce and the early days of steamboats and Houses of Refuge. Mr. Baum is a fifth generation Floridian who lives in Jensen Beach and is an actor, singer and historian. Along with his marine history program, the Museum features its special exhibit "Luminous Lamps: Florida Lighthouses," and 16 permanent exhibits of local history. A modest admission is charged for Museum entrance. Also, complementing Sunday's Museum program, the Tallship Unicorn, currently docked at Museum Pointe, will offer \$1 deck tours from 12:00-4:00 p.m. For further details call Anne Sinnott, Museum Educator, at (772) 462-1891. St. Lucie County Historical Museum is located at 414 Seaway Drive on Museum Pointe in Fort Pierce.

### Agriculture Extension Office Offers Invasive Plant Management Course

The University of Florida/St. Lucie County Cooperative Extension office, in conjunction with the University of Florida Indian River Research and Education Center, will be conducting the 2004 Invasive Plant Management Short Course on March 24, 2004. This short course will be conducted at the St. Lucie County Extension office, located at 8400 Picos Road in Fort Pierce, from 8:30 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. The main objectives of this program are to teach landscapers, land managers, pesticide applicators and other interested members of the public how to control invasive plant species. Pre-registration is required for this course and there is a \$25 registration fee. For additional information, call Ken Gioeli at the St. Lucie County Extension office at (772) 462-1660.

### Art in Public Places Project, "The Partnership," Dedicated

A dedication ceremony for the first *commissioned* Art in Public Places project in the County was held on Wednesday, February 11 at the Marine Center Courtyard on Museum Pointe in Fort Pierce. "The Partnership," a sculpture by Fort Pierce artists Pat Cochran and Ginny Piech Street, is an interpretive piece reflecting the County's historic relationship to the ocean and estuary. The piece stands over fifteen feet high and a molded concrete base represents the sedimentary floor of the estuary and upper elements of corten steel and stainless steel represent sea grass beds and man's nurturing of the environment. The sculpture cost \$45,000 and is a joint project of the City of Fort Pierce and St. Lucie County.

### February Events at the Oxbow Eco-Center

**Guided Hike ~ February 21** at 10:00 a.m. ~ *Join an Oxbow naturalist for an interpretive hike along Oxbow's trails.*

**Canoe and Kayak River Tour ~ February 21** at 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. ~ *Explore the North Fork of the St. Lucie River by canoe or kayak. An Oxbow naturalist will be your guide on this relaxing tour. \$10 fee per person.*

**Eco-Friday Night Hikes ~ February 27** at 6:30-8:30 p.m. ~ *Follow your sense of adventure to Oxbow for a season of owl prowls, bat programs & amphibian adventures! Free!*

**Brown Bag Lunch Lecture Series ~ February 27** at noon ~ *Bill Tyler speaks on "Behavior of Reef Fishes in Florida."*

### Mets Spring Training Opening Day in Port St. Lucie

The opening day for spring training home games for the New York Mets at the newly renovated Mets Stadium will be on Friday, March 5 at 7:10 p.m. versus the St. Louis Cardinals. Before the game, there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the \$10 million renovations to the stadium. For more information, visit [www.stluciemets.com](http://www.stluciemets.com).

### St. Lucie County Fair Opens This Month

The 37th Annual St. Lucie County Fair will begin on Friday, February 27th and run through Sunday, March 7th at the St. Lucie County Fairgrounds at the corner of Midway Road and Okeechobee Road in Fort Pierce. For more information, visit [www.stluciecountyfair.org](http://www.stluciecountyfair.org).

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